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In re Patent Application of:

Kazunobu Maruo et al.

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For: OLIGOMER-MODIFIED LAYERED
INORGANIC COMPOUNDS AND THEIR USE
IN NANOCOMPOSITES

Examiner: V. M. Ronesi

**PETITION FOR REVIVAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR
PATENT ABANDONED UNINTENTIONALLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.137(b)**

MS Petition
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to file a timely and proper reply to a notice or action by the United States Patent and Trademark Office. The date of abandonment is the day after the expiration date of the period set for reply in the Office notice or action plus any extensions of time actually obtained.

In this application there is a US assignee (AMCOL International Corporation) and a Japanese assignee (Mitsubishi Gas Chemical Company, Inc.). The two assignees did not agree upon a response to the office action prior to the expiration of the response date. A Response to the outstanding office action is enclosed.

The entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the required reply until the filing of a grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional. It is submitted, therefore, that on the basis described above the abandonment should be held to be inadvertent, the enclosed Amendment and Response should be entered and the case revived.

Please charge our Deposit Account No. 13-2855 in the amount of \$1,500.00 covering the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(m). The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Deposit Account No. 13-2855, under Order No. 28682/38519. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.

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